



U.S. Air Force **SNAPSHOT**

A summary of facts and figures about America's Air Force.

Jan - Mar 2004

What We Believe ...

- **Vision:** Global vigilance, reach and power
- **Mission:** To defend the United States and protect its interests through air and space power
- **Core Values:** Integrity First, Service Before Self and Excellence in All We Do
- **Core Competencies:** Developing Airmen, Technology-to-Warfighting and Integrating Operations
- **Distinctive Capabilities:** Air and Space Superiority, Global Attack, Rapid Global Mobility, Precision Engagement, Information Superiority, Agile Combat Support

AF Basics

- **Established:** Sept. 18, 1947
- **Active Duty Strength:** 372,305
- **Total Force Strength (Active Duty, Guard, Reserve & Civilians):** 693,893
- **Budget (for FY04):** \$124.8 billion
- **Bases:** 84 major installations, 82 minor installations
- **Aircraft in Total Force Inventory:** 6,007
- **Career Specialties:** 46 officer, 135 enlisted

Key Leaders

- **AF Secretary:** [Hon. James G. Roche](#)
- **AF Chief of Staff:** [Gen. John P. Jumper](#)
- **AF Undersecretary:** [Hon. Peter B. Teets](#)
- **AF Vice Chief of Staff:** [Gen. T. Michael Moseley](#)
- **Chief Master Sergeant of the AF:** [CMSAF Gerald R. Murray](#)

AF Demographics

Totals:

- **Civilian:** 139,083
- **Officers:** 73,036
- **Enlisted:** 299,269
- **ANG:** 108,286
- **AFRC:** 74,219
- **Average Total Service:**
- **Officers:** 11 yrs
- **Enlisted:** 8 yrs

Active Force (%):

- **Men:** 80
- **Women:** 20
- **AF Race%***
- **Caucasian:** 75.4
- **Black:** 15.6
- **Asian:** 1.6
- **Am Indian/Alaskan** 0.4
- **Hawaiian/Pacific Is** 0.3

Commissioning Sources (%):

- **AFROTC:** 42
- **OTS:** 22
- **Academy:** 19
- **Other:** 17
- **% of Officers Rated:**
- **Pilots/Female:** 18.3/3.8
- **Navs/Female:** 6.4/4.1
- **ABMs/Female:** 1.5/10.9

Percent Married:

- **Officers:** 71
- **Enlisted:** 55.3
- **Average Age:**
- **Officers:** 35
- **Enlisted:** 29
- **Below age 26:** 41.5%

*6.8 % claim Hispanic/Latino, now an ethnic not race group

Budget

Total FY04 Budget: \$124.8 Billion

- **Ops and Maintenance:** 31.3%
- **Military Personnel:** 23.9%
- **Procurement:** 25.9%
- **Research, Development, Test & Eval:** 16.3%
- **Mil Family Housing:** 1.1%
- **Construction:** 1.3%
- **BRAC:** .2%

Total Force Mission Breakout

- **Rescue:** Active: 48%, Guard: 24%, Reserve: 28%
- **Tanker:** Active: 43%, Guard: 43%, Reserve: 14%
- **Theater Airlift:** Active: 28%, Guard: 49%, Reserve: 23%
- **Strategic Airlift:** Active: 59%, Guard: 11%, Reserve: 30%
- **Bomber:** Active: 92%, Guard: 0%, Reserve: 8%
- **Fighter:** Active: 62%, Guard: 32%, Reserve: 6%
- **Space:** Active: 95%, Guard: 2%, Reserve: 3%
- **ISR:** Active: 89%, Guard: 6%, Reserve: 5%
- **SOF:** Active: 78%, Guard: 11%, Reserve: 11%

Education Levels

Enlisted-Highest Attained*: Officer-Highest**:

- **AA or Equivalent Hours:** 14%
- **B.A., B.S., or higher:** 5%
- **Advanced/ Professional degrees:** 49.5%

* All have a minimum of a HS/GED education ** All have a BS/BA degree

Basing of People

- **Located Stateside:** 80% in 72 major installations and 80 minor installations
- **Located Overseas:** 20% in 12 major installations and 2 minor installations

Key Messages, Jan - Mar 04

BRAC

- Eliminate unnecessary infrastructure and increase military capability and effectiveness.
- DoD has issued an initial data call requesting commanders of all installations in the US, territories and possessions to gather information about their installation.
- Data call is one way DoD satisfies statutory obligations to treat all installations equally and ensure closure and realignment recommendations are based solely on certified data. More will occur as necessary.

Air Force Fit to Fight

- New challenge emphasizes AF commitment to fitness
- AF Plans to renovate or construct 36 fitness centers between now and 2005
- Commanders are including fitness center construction requirements in mil construction budget submittals
- Airmen are encouraged to participate in the AF Sports program, which trains athletes who represent the AF in events throughout the AF, nation and world.

World Wide Mobility:

- The Global War on Terrorism began the longest sustained surge of air mobility forces since Operation Vittles, the 1948-49 Berlin Airlift.
- During Operation Iraqi Freedom, a 15-ship C-17 formation departed Aviano AB, IT, to airdrop 945 soldiers and equipment into Iraq – the first combat airdrop of paratroopers by the C-17 and largest since the 1989 combat drop in Panama.
- During OIF, AMC's Mobile C2 units – Tanker Airlift Control Elements and Mission Support Teams – deployed to 21 locations, handling more than 9,398 aircraft sorties with a total throughput of 332,317 passengers and 144,22 short tons of cargo.

AF training combat pilots in newest technology

- AETC forges ahead with F/A-22, C-130J, T-6 and T-38C training.
- With first look, first shot, first kill capability, F/A-22 is engineered to guarantee soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and allies the greatest advantage of freedom from air attack, freedom to attack and return safely.
- The 48th Airlift Squadron reactivated at Little Rock AFB, Ark., making it the first active duty C-130J training squadron in the Air Force.
- C-130J has a state-of-the-art navigation system, takes off on shorter runways, transports more troops, uses a crew of three versus five in E and H models.

More information on the Web

- BRAC: www.defenselink.mil/brac/
- Air Force Link: www.af.mil
- Air Force Issues & Answers: www.issues.af.mil
- Air Force recruiting: www.airforce.com
- Air Force careers: www.airforce.com/careers
- Civilian careers: www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afjobs
- Air Force Sports Program: www.afsv.af.mil/AFSports/AllAFSports.htm

Career Opportunities

Officer: Recruiting 2,000 in FY04 in these categories:

- **Rated:** 3 career fields (i.e., pilot, navigator and air battle management).
- **Non-Technical:** 11 career fields (i.e., intelligence, personnel, supply and contracting)
- **Technical:** 6 career fields (i.e., scientists, meteorology, engineer and computer science)
- **Non-Line:** 2 career categories (i.e., chaplain, medical)

Enlisted: Recruiting 37,000 in FY04 in these categories:

- **Administrative:** 13 career fields (i.e., personnel, information management, logistics, airfield management and supply systems analyst.)
- **Mechanical:** 35 career fields (i.e., aerospace propulsion [jet engine mechanics], munitions systems, fuels systems, aerial gunner and aircraft maintenance)
- **General:** 71 career fields (i.e., security forces, intelligence, weather, in-flight refueling, loadmaster, pararescue and fire protection)
- **Electronics:** 49 career fields (i.e., radar systems, airborne communications systems, space systems operations and avionics)

6 career fields are closed to women (combat control, combat rescue officer, MH-53 pilots, pararescue, special tactics officer & tactical air control party (TAC-P). Exclusions result from the Direct Ground Combat policy whereby women of the Armed Forces are restricted from assignment to units and positions whose mission requires routine engagement in direct combat on the ground.

AF Air and Space Inventory

Bomber

- Total: 156 -- B-1, B-2, B-52

Fighter/ Attack

- Total: 2,585 -- A-10, AC-130, F-15, F-15E, F-16, F-117, F/A -22

Helicopter

- Total: 200 -- HH-60G, MH-53, UH-1

Reconnaissance & Surveillance

- Total: 206 -- E-3, E-8, MQ-1, OC-135, RC-135, RQ-4, U-2, WC-130

Satellite

- Total: 50

Special Duty

- Total: 25 -- E-4B, EC-130E/J, EC-130H

Strategic Missile

- Total: 516

Strategic Transport

- Total: 266 -- C-5, C-17, C-141

Tanker

- Total 650 -- KC-10, KC-135, MC-130P, HC-130N/P

Theater & Special Use Transport

- Total: 695 -- C-9, C-12, C-20, C-21, C-32, C-37A, C-38A, C-40, C-130, MC-130E/H, VC-25

Trainer:

- Total: 1,224 -- T-1, T-6A, T-37, T-38, T-43, T-41, TG-10, TG-14, UV-18